(c) whether any target has been fixed for completion of this highway;

(d) the amount allocated this year for expansion and up keep of various National Highways of Orissa and during the last three years; and

(e) the total amount spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) All works approved for National Highway No. 215 during 2002 were commenced and completed. Allocations are made State-wise and not National Highway-wise. Since its declaration as National Highway 215, Rs. 133.92 crore have been spent on development & maintenance of this National Highway. However, the development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process.

(d) and (e) The amount spent for development and maintenance of varions national highways in the State of Orissa during the last 3 years and during the current year is as follows:

(Rs in crore)

Year	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Allocation to State PWD	108.37	110.53	117.15	127.41
Expenditure by State PWD	105.15	108.19	116.00	43.25 upto 31st July 2007
Expenditure by NHAI	296.88	364.19	206.32	69.31 uoto 31st July 2007

Development of ports in Kerala

538. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether competent authority had sought Central assistance during May, 2007 for developing ports in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of the ports, total investment and the amount of Central assistance sought, port-wise;

(c) the details including the decision taken in detail on the above request, port-wise, decision-wise;

(d) whether the above request consists of any proposal to declare Kerala as a Maritime State;

(e) if so, the action taken on any of the above proposals; and

(f) if not, the detailed reasons for not taking any action on the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) (Government of Kerala has submitted a Memorandum dated the 23rd May, 2007 requesting for Central assistance for development of some Non-Major Ports in the State of Kerala. Details are given below:

(*Rs. in crores*)

Name of the Port	Total Investment	Central Government Assistance sought	State Govt. or Private Investment
Azhikkal	450.00	90.00	360.00
Beypore	350.00	70.00	280.00
Alapuzha	750.00	150.00	600.00
Thangassery	400.00	80.00	320.00
Vizhinjam	1850.00	370.00	1480.00
Shipyard at Azhikkal	300.00	150.00	150.00

Under the Indian Ports Act, 1908, responsibility for development of Non-Major Ports vests in the respective State Government, which in the case of the above ports is the Government of Kerala. Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport & Highways (Department of Shipping) does not administer any scheme for Central financial assistance for development of Non-Major Ports.

(d) to (f) There is no Statutory framework under which a State, including the State of Kerala, can be declared a Maritime State. Kerala is a maritime State on account of its coastline.

Proposals for NHs

539. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposal received from different States for upgradation of important link-roads as National Highways, cleared and allocation made and spent for implementation of such proposals during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether the State Government of Karnataka have sent certain proposals for upgradation of certain important link-roads in the State as NHs; and

(c) if so, the details and status of each proposal in terms of Centre's response thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) Till December 2003, there were about 200 proposals received from various State Governments for declaration of new National Highways. Out of this, 54 proposals totaling to 7,457 kms. of roads in various States were declared as National Highways during February, 2004 as per details shown in Statement-I (*See* below). After the declaration, 140 proposals totaling approximately 27,000 kms. have been received from the various